

# Satirical Tokens of

# Napoleon the Miserable





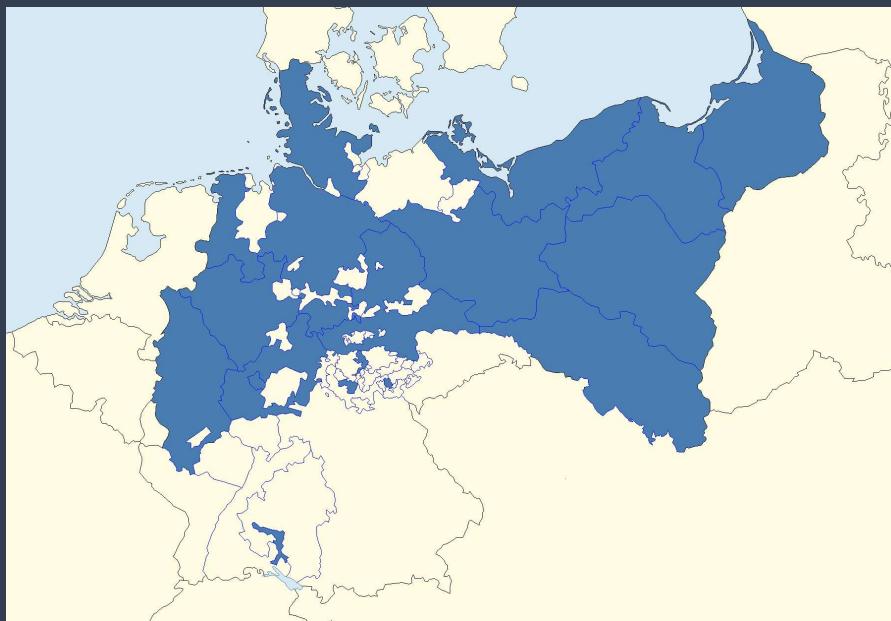
# NAPOLEON III

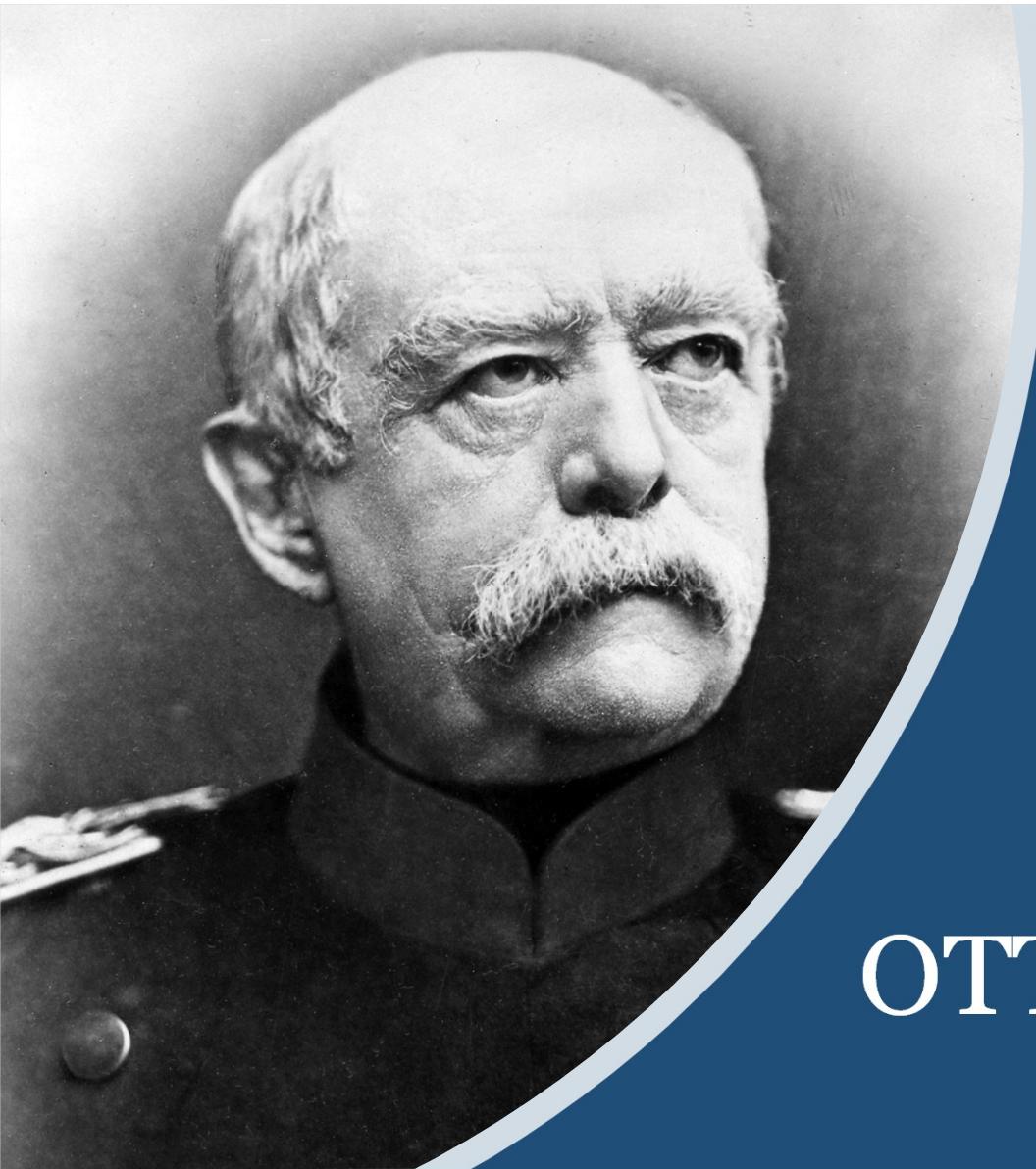


# PRINCE LEOPOLD OF PRUSSIA



# KING WILLIAM OF PRUSSIA

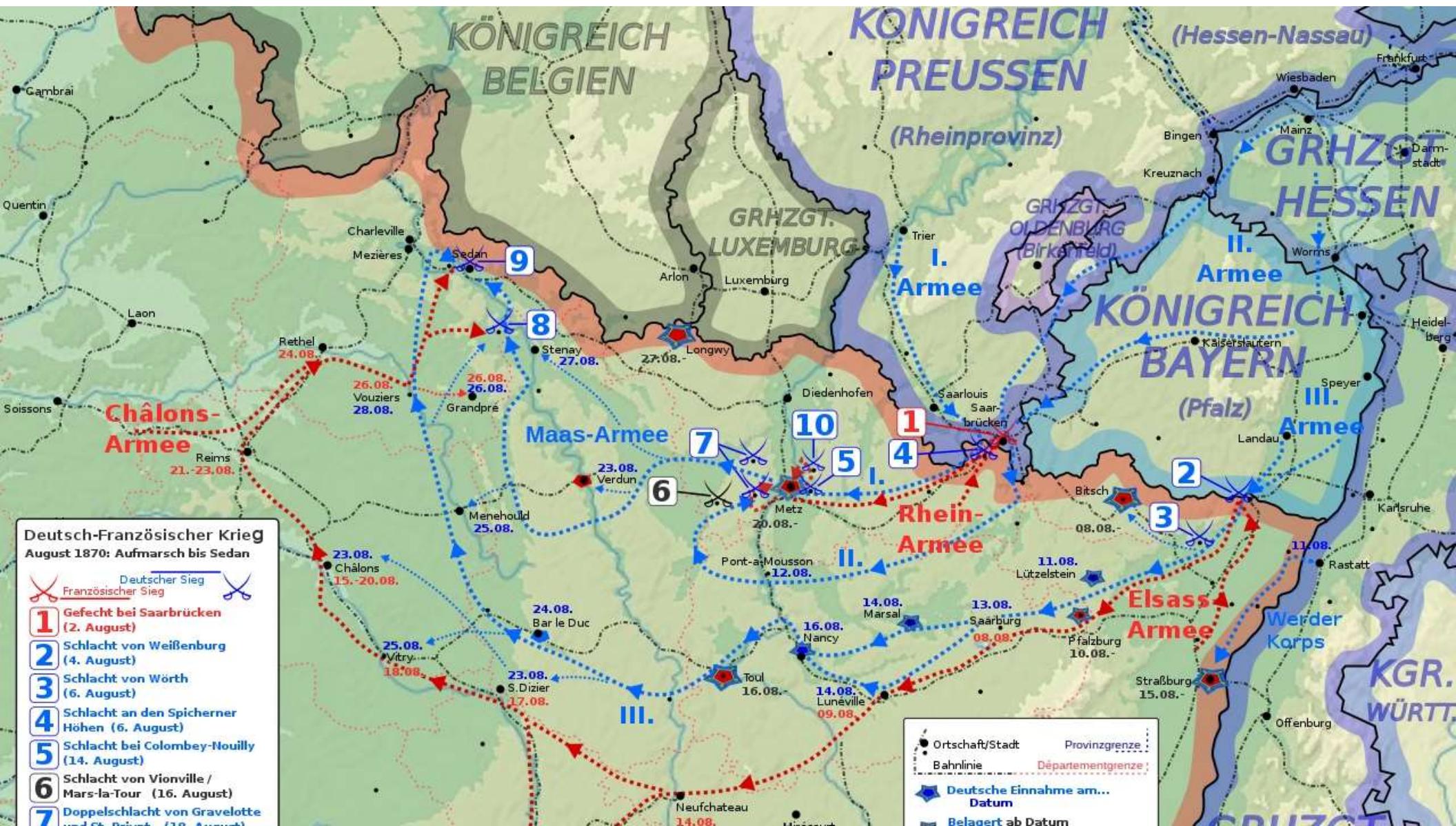




# CHANCELLOR OTTO von BISMARCK

# Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71





# TYPICAL DEFACED DENOMINATION



# DEFACED SILVER FRANCS



# Pickelhaube or Vampire Medals

- ❖ November 1975 issue of The Numismatist
- ❖ Surveyed 373 medals from 31 collections
- ❖ Focusing on only the first 5 types
- ❖ All feature the dates of 12/2/1851 and/or 9/2/1870
- ❖ Use some variation of the “vampire” owl

# Type A

- ❖ Accredited to a Belgium engraver at the Brussels mint
- ❖ All are 31.5 mm in diameter and struck in copper
- ❖ Most varied, well-executed and imaginative series
- ❖ Five designs are coin aligned; 1 design medal aligned
- ❖ Rarity ranges from very common to very scarce



A1



A2





A4



A5



A3



A6



# Type B

- ❖ Known as skull & crossbones type
- ❖ All are 33 mm in diameter & struck in copper
- ❖ Obverse similar in design to the previous A series
- ❖ Uses skulls, crossbones and blood droplets as spacers
- ❖ Very scarce to very rare; occasionally available



B1



B2



# Types C, D & E

## ❖ Obverse inscriptions:

- “NAPOLEON III LE MISERABLES”
- “80,000 PRISONERS”

## ❖ Reverse inscriptions:

- “VAMPIRE FRANCAIS”
- “2 DEC 1851 - SEPT 2 1870”



Type C

Inscription spacer



Erect Owl



Hunched Owl



## Type D

Napoleon on a lease as a  
German dog enjoying his  
cherished cigarette



Similar yet different reverse dies

Type E

